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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary  
Department of State

Attention: Mr. W. Park Armstrong

SUBJECT: Operation - [redacted]

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1. Pursuant to your request at the recent meeting attended by Mr. Shute, Mr. McClintock and ourselves, I am setting forth herewith a statement [redacted] in answer to the communication which you tell me you have received from them on this subject.

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2. This Agency assumed as of 1 July 1949 responsibility for the conduct of Operation [redacted] Prior to this date, it had been conducted for some time by U.S. Military Intelligence in Germany at the European Command level. Since the transfer of the operation to this Agency, a consistent effort has been made, and will continue, to tighten up the security of the organization and to eliminate certain undesirable features of it which have been brought to the Agency's attention [redacted]

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3. This Agency wishes to assure [redacted] that the operation in question is directed toward the collection of tactical information on the USSR and its Satellites, and for that purpose employs former German Army officers who are considered reliable experts in this field [redacted]

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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